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High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,[1] the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[2] and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[3] in which persons with disabilities are recognized as both development agents and beneficiaries in all aspects of development,

Recalling also its previous resolutions on the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in which it recognized the collective responsibility of Governments to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level, and stressing the duty of Member States to achieve greater justice and equality for all, in particular persons with disabilities,

Noting that persons with disabilities, who face a greater risk of living in absolute poverty, make up an estimated 15 per cent of the world's population,[4] of

[1] A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).
[2] Resolution 48/96, annex.
[3] Resolution 61/106, annex I.
[4] According to the *Report on Disability 2011*, published by the World Health Organization and the World Bank, an estimated 15 per cent of the world's population lives with a disability.

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whom 80 per cent live in developing countries,[5] and recognizing the importance of international cooperation and its promotion in support of national efforts, in particular for developing countries,

Recalling its resolution 65/186 of 21 December 2010, by which it requests the Secretary-General to submit information on the implementation of the resolution, with a view to convening, within existing resources, a high-level meeting at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly on strengthening efforts to ensure accessibility for and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development efforts,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities";[6]

2. *Decides* to convene a one-day High-level Meeting of the General Assembly, at the level of Heads of State and Government on 23 September 2013, the Monday before the start of the general debate of the sixty-eighth session, with the overarching theme "The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond", which shall be funded within existing resources, in order to strengthen efforts to ensure accessibility for and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development efforts;

3. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting should be as follows:

(a) The High-level Meeting will comprise a plenary meeting and two consecutive informal interactive round tables, with the round tables to be chaired by Member States at the invitation of the President of the General Assembly, and that the themes for the round tables will be decided by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States;

(b) The opening plenary meeting will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, an eminent person actively engaged in disability issues and a representative of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, both of whom will be chosen by the President of the Assembly;

(c) The chairs of the round tables will present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting;

(d) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, participation in each round table will include Member States, observers and representatives of entities of the United Nations system, as well as selected representatives of civil society, organizations of persons with disabilities and the private sector;

[5] General Assembly resolution 65/186 states that "persons with disabilities make up an estimated 10 per cent of the world's population, of whom 80 per cent live in developing countries". The figure of 80 per cent, which originated from the United Nations Development Programme, was quoted widely in a discussion paper entitled "Disability and poverty: a survey of World Bank poverty assessments and implications" (Jeanine Braithwaite and Daniel Mont, SP discussion paper No. 0805, World Bank, February 2008).

[6] A/66/128.

4. *Further decides* that the High-level Meeting will result in a concise, action-oriented outcome document in support of the aims of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, and requests the President of the General Assembly to produce a draft text, in consultation with Member States, taking into account input from organizations of persons with disabilities, and to convene informal consultations, within existing resources, at an appropriate date in order to enable sufficient consideration and agreement by Member States prior to the Meeting;

5. *Calls upon* Member States to consider including in their delegations to the High-level Meeting persons with disabilities, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination and the fact that there are disability and age diversities;

6. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who will participate in the High-level Meeting;

7. *Also invites* the President of the General Assembly, following appropriate consultations with Member States, to draw up a list of representatives of other non-governmental organizations, organizations of persons with disabilities, relevant civil society organizations and the private sector who might participate in the High-level Meeting, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation, and to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis and bring to the attention of the General Assembly the finalized list;

8. *Encourages* all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private sector entities and other relevant stakeholders to consider supporting the participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular, to give a prominent role to delegates who are persons with disabilities and representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations from those countries, in order to promote the broadest possible participation, and requests the Secretary-General to take, within existing resources, all necessary measures in this regard, including the accessibility of the High-level Meeting;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the Meeting, taking into account the length of the meetings, the identification of the eminent person actively engaged in disability issues and the representative of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to speak at the opening plenary meeting, the identification of a representative of a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council active in disability issues to speak at the first round table and the identification of chairs for the round tables, bearing in mind the level of representation and equitable geographical representation.